

REMARKS

Claims 1-20 were pending. Claims 1-8 and 10 are rejected and claims 9 and 11-20 are objected to. Applicant has amended claims 1-6, 13 and 15 and cancelled claims 10-12.

Claims 3-6 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112 second paragraph. Claim 3 has been amended to provide sufficient antecedent basis. Claims 4-6 have been amended to correct typographical errors. Thus Applicants request this rejection be withdrawn.

As claims 17-20 depend upon claim 3, they should be allowable for at least the same reason claim 3 is allowable.

Claim 1 has been amended to incorporate the limitations of claims 10 and 11. Thus claim 1 and its dependent claims 7-9 should now be allowable.

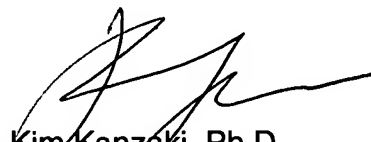
Claim 2 has been amended to incorporate the limitation of claim 12. Thus claim 2 and its dependent claims 13-16 should now be allowable.

CONCLUSION

All claims should be now be in condition for allowance and a Notice of Allowance is respectfully requested.

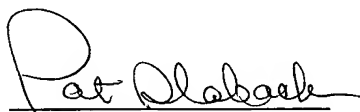
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